

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

RESTRICTION

The Office Action indicated that the claims relate to two inventions, and separated the claims into Group I (claims 1, 2, 5, 11, 12, 14 to 18, 21 to 27, 36, and 37 drawn to a diffraction grating) and Group II (claims 6, 7, 28, 31 to 33, and 38 drawn to a method of forming a diffraction grating).

The Applicants hereby elect Group I, including claims 1, 2, 5, 11, 12, 14 to 18, 21 to 27, 36, and 37, for further examination.

ELECTION OF SPECIES

The election of species requirement should be deemed moot, since Applicants have elected their product claims rather than their method claims.

Early and favorable consideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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